

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 0710 pm by Chair Melanie Winter and attended by Ken Novak, Joyce Mackinnon, Steve Hartman, Lois Goodman, Theresa Baer, Nannette Bolles, Tom Persons, Sharon Brewer, Glenn Bailey, Rosemarie White, Jennifer Trausch, and Victoria Cross. After introductions, the minutes of the April 25, 2003 meeting were approved with the corrections of the spelling of Glenn's name and Crape Myrtle.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sharon Brewer brought up continuing problems at Lake Balboa such as algae in the water, dead birds and fish.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER ON RECYCLED WATER: Vicky Cross reported that Woodley Golf Course would come up first on recycled water. They are ready to start now, but there is a permit problem. At the start most of our water came from Owens Valley, now our water comes from the Metropolitan District and this water contains more saline. The original permit was written not to exceed 100 ppt and this needs to be upped by 5-12 ppt. The discharge into the LA River is in discharge limits of 2 Gm. salt per million gal. of water. They hope to get this regulation changed by Sept. Steve asked if it would help the MTA bus way pipe line project if our group wrote a letter of recommendation. No one was assigned this task. Glenn stated that the MTA projects were generally over budget. He asked if once this line was past Woodley Golf course would this open up to other projects in the area. Vicky stated that the permit belongs to Sanitation and the water belongs to DWP. Glenn asked about the cost of water. Vicky stated that the parks received an agricultural rate and she did not know if the MTA would get the lower rate. Rosemarie stated that MTA should focus on native plants to conserve water costs. Lois asked if they could tap off this line for the Bull Creak project. Melanie asked how will all this impact the LA River. Jennifer stated using recycled water from the 54 in. pipe line going north would save money because we would not have to give money back. The golf course in the Hansen Dam area was chosen because they asked for the use of this water first and that they would donate land for a 1 million gal. storage tank which would help this W.V. Area with water plans. The water would come back to this area by gravity. Melanie stated she was opposed to building a golf course in this area. Vicky asked what we would like from DWP, maybe an E-mail report. Steve would recommend that the pipe line to the south W.L.A. and the marshes south of Burbank run on the west side of the bike path in the west W.L.A. rather than down the center of Woodley Ave.

Steve made a motion to support the West Valley Water Recycling Project by adding an additional line down Burbank Blvd. and to be extended to Pot Hole Pond. Glen seconded the motion and the motion carried by vote. Rosemarie stated that this group appreciated the DWP presence here to present these projects.

A Schedule of the order in which work will be performed was handed out.

1. Woodley Lakes Golf Course
2. Lake Balboa Rec. Area
3. Model Flight field

4. Balboa Sports Center
5. Encino Golf Course
6. Hjelte Park
7. Proposed Sports Concession

Also a map of the line for the bus way project was included.

with a total of about 28 acres that will include grassland & oak & willow woodlands

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BULL CREEK PLAN: Lois Goodman presented an Oxbow Concept plan. This would be a 10-14 acre riparian area. There will be a 30 day comment period for public meetings. It is at least a year before construction starts and the construction will take 6-15 months max. Melanie asked that the Arundo be disposed of responsibly and not dumped at Hansen Dam. She also suggested that vegetation be planted in fall. Glen asked when the plan would be moved down south of the bus way plans. Sharon asked about the parking problem because they are taking out over flow parking. Steve suggested that they could use the Park and Ride lot at Sepulveda and then bring people in on a tram. The group agreed to support this plan.

at the entrance @ woodley

RECREATION AND PARKS: Ken Novak announced that he is now in charge of Western Valley Maintenance Div. of the parks. The \$75,000 grant for native plants which Rec. and Parks applied for was not accepted. He then stated that over 600 large mature Carp have died in the Wild Life Area Lake. The water testing has not revealed any problems. The lake is at 77 deg. Temp. They have increase flow from 4.7 million Gal. per day to just under 10 million Gal. Fish and Game has been called in and two samples of fish have been sent to them for analysis. The Ichthyologist believes it may be Post Spawn Stress Syndrome. Ken stated that Lake Balboa is also monitored and that there has not been problems there. Sharon stated that she has seen 8-10 fish floating dead at Lake Balboa per day. Glenn asked if we could see the Organization Chart after the reorganization plan of Rec. and Parks is complete. Melanie asked if this plan would result in a greater Ranger presence in the Valley. Ken stated that he did not have an answer to this question.

but the rest of ~~San Jose Gardens~~ would fund for it.

CANADA GOOSE PROJECT: Rosemarie states that there has been a resident flock of 98-105 birds on the Woodley Golf Course. The Canada Goose is not threatened. Seattle is destroying 3000-4000 birds.

CALIF. NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY: Steve reported that Bill Neil is spraying non native plants in the S.B.W.L.A.

CONFERENCE ON RE-ENCHANTING THE CITY II: Rosemarie stated that there is not enough educational outreach by Zoo staff. More needs to be done about urban wildlife issues and this conference needs to be a yearly event. Tony Cardenas spoke at one session and was impressive. His three young children were there also. Rosemarie invited him to attend one of our S.B.W.L.A.S.C. meetings.

TREE PEOPLE: Tom stated that 80 trees were planted along Haskell Creek. On July 12th he is planning to water trees and eradicate weeds. He has 1200 seedling grown from acorns which were gathered in Solstice Canyon. He also has 5000-6000 seeds from native

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